

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7, with the following amended paragraph.

An advantage of forming the first portion 106 out of a dielectric material, and particularly one that has a lighter density than the second portion 108, is that it creates a lightweight comb-line filter 100 that ~~that~~ is easier to handle. In addition, it is generally easier to manufacture the first portion 106 out of a dielectric material, such as plastic, than it would be to manufacture the first portion 106 out of a conductive material, such as metal. The first portion 106 of the housing 102 can be manufactured via molding, machining, or any other manufacturing technique known in the art. By making the first portion 106 out of a dielectric material, the costs associated with the choice of material, the manufacturing of the filter, the application of a conductive layer and the transportation of the filter 100, can be reduced.